

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE PONTIAC COMMUNITY

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of service to the Pontiac community. As a Member of Congress, it is my privilege to honor the Church, its leadership and its congregation on achieving this most impressive milestone.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church began its service to the community as a house of fellowship, joining the community together to affirm the goodness of spirituality under the vision of Reverend Alvin Hawkins, the Church's first Pastor. Under Rev. Hawkins' leadership, the congregation of Friendship flourished, creating a Sunday School, nurses' guild, and a music ministry. Furthermore, to forever enshrine and guide them in their greater service to the community, the congregation adopted a covenant and the Articles of Faith.

After seven years of service to the community through piety, charity and faith, Rev. Hawkins was called to a new journey, and leadership of the Church was entrusted to Rev. Eddie McDonald. Rev. McDonald, another man of vision and action, guided Friendship in its spiritual journey, creating an outreach ministry and a young women's group. During the prosperity of Rev. McDonald's strong stewardship, the Church paid off the mortgage on its first home on Williams Street and expanded its congregation, eventually seeking a larger space on Michigan Street, its current home.

It was with great sadness that the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church said farewell to Rev. McDonald after 32 years, but with hope for the future, they welcomed in Rev. William Dulaney. Rev. Dulaney has continued upon the steadfast and strong leadership of his predecessors and established the Learning Lab and youth department to further expand the service of the Church to the community. Under his leadership, the congregation of Friendship continues to grow strong.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, and the congregation of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in celebrating their 50th Anniversary of fellowship in spirituality and service. I wish the congregants and leadership of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church many more years of prosperity to come.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF LANCE CORPORAL ANTHONY ROBERTSON

### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Anthony Robertson of the United States Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Robertson grew up in Justice, Illinois and currently lives in neighboring Willow Springs. After joining the Marines, he was deployed to Afghanistan. While there, he was severely injured by a roadside bomb. It was an honor to personally congratulate and thank Lance Corporal Robertson, and his wife, Sheri Robertson for his brave service when we met on July 26th at a welcome home celebration conducted by the Village of Justice. His sacrifice will rightfully be honored with a Purple Heart—our Nation's oldest actively used military medal.

It is a privilege to welcome home to his family and community someone who has given so much. As Lance Corporal Robertson prepares to enter the ranks of almost 600,000 living veterans who have received the Purple Heart Medal, I ask you to join me in honoring his service, and the work of all men and women in uniform who have shed blood in the service of our country.

HONORING MR. ALVARO BOTERO

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, this week Colombia celebrates 200 years as a sovereign nation. As we congratulate our democratic ally and friend on its Bicentennial, it is fitting that we also honor some of Colombia's finest, and among them, is Alvaro Botero.

Alvaro is a respected journalist, author and writer. He is a strong advocate for freedom of the press. He knows that many around the world are censored and prohibited from speaking the truth, so he values his ability to write and report in a free and democratic society. Alvaro is committed to keeping the connection between his native Colombia and his home of 23 years, South Florida. He works hard to ensure that the Colombian American community in the United States is informed and in tune with what is happening in Colombia, South Florida and around the world.

For more than 16 years, Alvaro has published "El Notiloco de Botero" a satirical news magazine and in recent years launched a corresponding news site. He started his career in Colombia studying journalism and public relations. His work has appeared in publications throughout Latin America and the United

States and he has published several books, earning recognitions at the Feria Internacional de Libro, International Book Fair. Alvaro has served as a correspondent for Colombian news network RCN, RCN Radio and RCN Miami, and was instrumental in the creation of Radio Caracol, South Florida's Colombian Radio Station, with daily programming in the United States and Colombia.

Alvaro works to promote democracy and speak out for those who cannot express themselves freely as he can, and he continues to humor us each day through his writing. After 23 years of living in Miami, he is still as passionate about his native Colombia as he is about his home, the United States.

I ask that you join me in honoring Alvaro Botero, a fine journalist, friend and the voice of South Florida's Colombian American community.

HONORING MACCULLOCH HALL

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Macculloch Hall, in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary, as well as the 60th anniversary of the Macculloch Hall Historical Museum.

The cornerstone of Morristown's National Historic District, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum preserves the history of the Macculloch-Miller families and the Morris area, and the legacy of its founder, the Honorable W. Parsons Todd through its historic site, collections, exhibits, educational and cultural programs.

George Macculloch emigrated with his family to America from London and in 1810 built the Federal-style brick mansion in Morristown. Macculloch is best known as the "father" of the Morris Canal, an international engineering marvel. Mrs. Macculloch was instrumental in establishing St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Female Charitable Society, today Family Service of Morris County. The family and their descendants influenced education, economics, politics and culture.

In 1949, Morristown philanthropist and former mayor, W. Parsons Todd, purchased and restored Macculloch Hall to house his collections of American and English decorative and fine arts as well as a major collection of original works by Thomas Nast, America's leading 19th century political cartoonist. Nast once lived across the avenue and created the Republican Elephant, the Democratic Donkey, and popularized America's image of Santa Claus.

With the Morristown Garden Club, Todd restored Macculloch Hall's gardens—the oldest in Morris County. Three acres of original plantings and landscape features include more than 40 varieties of heirloom roses; the first documented tomato grown in New Jersey is

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said to have been grown here. The garden is a popular retreat and is open to the public from dusk to dawn.

Through the efforts of its Trustees, staff, members and volunteers, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum continues to serve thousands of annual visitors from the greater Morristown, New Jersey community and throughout the United States, who come to the site to enjoy the beauty and history portrayed by its collections, engage with compelling political history in the works of Thomas Nast, and experience the tranquility of the historic gardens.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Macculloch Hall as they celebrate these milestones.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 480, 481, and 482, I was absent due to a commitment to speak to a large group in the Cannon Caucus Room, and could not leave them in mid-meeting.

Had I been present, I would have voted 480: "yes"; 481: "no"; 482: "yes."

#### SUPPORTING OF JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Junipero Serra High School which is located in Gardena, California in my district. Serra High has become the first in California state history to win a state football championship and a state basketball championship in the same school year. Even more remarkable and more important is the fact that for three years running, 100% of Serra High School's graduating seniors were accepted to college.

Junipero Serra High School is operated by the Department of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Serra High School was founded in 1950 and graduated its first class in 1953. Over the years, the school has played a very important role in the life of the community, graduating over six thousand students in the South Bay area.

Serra's recent achievements add immensely to its already strong legacy. In December, the Cavaliers became the California Interscholastic Federation's Division III state champions in football with a victory that was "as much a triumph of athletic skill as one of perseverance from year to year and play to play," as local newspaper the Daily Breeze stated. Against Marin Catholic High School, the Cavaliers won 24–20, establishing themselves as a dominant force in the very competitive California high school football climate.

In March, Serra High School captured the Division III basketball championship with a 63–59 overtime victory over Oakland's Bishop O'Dowd completing the historic double victory.

Not Santa Ana's Mater Dei, not Concord's De La Salle, not Los Angeles' Crenshaw High, not Long Beach Poly—no athletic powerhouse, private or public in California, had completed such a feat until Serra High did it. At the end of the 2009–10 school year, Serra's athletic program was rated by ESPN as the fourth best all-around high school athletic program in the USA and the number one program in California. I also understand the Cavalier Track team came within two points of being state champions and that the Girls Basketball and Track teams have also excelled.

I congratulate President Erick Rubalcava, Principal Michael Wagner, Athletic Director Ted Dunlap, Head Football Coach Scott Altenberg, Head Basketball Coach Dwan Hurt, their assistant coaches, the entire school staff and all of the amazing faculty and students at Serra for their excellence both in academics and athletics.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was detained from votes due to a meeting on July 28, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 477, "nay" rollcall 478; "yea" rollcall 479, "yea."

#### HONORING MR. RICARDO TRIBIN

#### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, this week Colombia celebrates 200 years as a sovereign nation. As we congratulate our democratic ally and friend on its Bicentennial, it is fitting that we also honor some of Colombia's finest, and among them is Ricardo Tribin.

As former President of the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce and current Board Member, Ricardo continues to be a leader for small businesses in South Florida. He has created opportunities for Colombian Americans to become successful business men and women, immerse themselves in the world of trade and commerce, and expand their businesses. As a consultant and businessman himself, Ricardo has been able to use his knowledge and experience to help others, and does so with humility and professionalism. He has successfully authored and published a number of self-help books in the United States and Colombia, encouraging others to move past life's most difficult challenges and find strength to achieve success in both personal and professional settings.

Ricardo is also fully engaged in ensuring that the needs of his community are met and actively participates in the democratic process. He understands the need for a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Colombia and the positive impact it would have on the South Florida economy by creating jobs. As such, he has been a leading voice in urging passage of the deal. Ricardo is

also a firm believer in the principles of liberty and freedom and works to ensure that his native Colombia continues to be Latin America's leading democracy.

I ask that you join me in honoring and thanking my good friend Ricardo Tribin for his hard work, service and dedication to free enterprise, empowering others, and seeing his community flourish.

#### RECOGNIZING THOMAS G. DENOMME

#### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Thomas Denomme, the 2010 recipient of the Community Service Award given by the Birmingham Community House, located in Birmingham, Michigan. Since it was established in 1923, the Birmingham Community House has been a community institution and hub of civic life in our area.

Mr. Denomme's recognition is well-deserved. His personal and professional accomplishments and contributions have made the Birmingham community, and indeed, Southeast Michigan, a better place to live, raise our children and do business.

Mr. Denomme's career began in southeast Michigan after obtaining his marketing degree from the University of Detroit in 1961. He embarked on a career in the automotive world at Ford Motor Company and spent 20 years there before moving to the Chrysler Corporation in 1980. He was a leader at Chrysler, serving as a Vice-Chairman and the Chief Administrative Officer during the 1990s.

While working in a key industry in Michigan, Tom remained committed to civic activism in a variety of arenas. He served his alma mater, the University of Detroit, as a tireless advocate and by serving on its Board of Trustees for a number of years. He lent his time, energy and expertise to a number of major community efforts and organizations including the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation, the Michigan Gaming Commission, the Detroit Investment Fund, and the Congressional Economic Leadership Initiative.

Currently, Mr. Denomme serves as Chairman of the Board for William Beaumont Hospital, a nationally renowned and respected health institution that is centered in my Congressional District. His service to that institution and the surrounding community was recognized recently when he received the Michigan Health and Hospital Association Keystone Center for Patient Safety and Quality Leadership Award.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Thomas Denomme for his years of service to the people and institutions of Birmingham, Michigan and all of Southeast Michigan. We live in a better community due to his selfless commitment to civic service and he serves as an example to us all. I thank the Birmingham Community House for honoring Mr. Tom Denomme this year with its 2010 Community Service Award.